Repair of 'Zuari Bridge' in Goa

1602. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Qustion 1032 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st March, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has spent over Rs. 50 lakhs to paint the Zuari Bridge in Goa with anti-corrosive coat before it is tendered for Rs. 3 crores for its repairs work, thus duplicating the work and wasting scarce resources;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on errant officers; and

(c) by when the repairs work would start and how long would it take to complete ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Superstructure of Zuari Bridge has been provided with anti-corrosive paint for which an estimate amounting to Rs. 49.41 lakhs was sanctioned in March, 1988. No repair work for Rs. 3 crores has been put to tender. However, an estimate amounting to Rs. 53.64 lakhs has been sanctioned in February, 1990 for replacement of existing wearing course which has not been covered by the anti-corrosive paint. Hence, thera is no duplication of work or waste of scarce resources.

(b) Does not arise; and

(c) Work of replacement of wearing course is likely to start in October, 1990 and is expected to be completed by May, 1991.

Poor maintenance of berths at Marmugao Harbour

1603. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the berths 1, 2, and 3 at Marmugao harbour in Goa are marked out and not used due to its poor maintenance as a result of which the trade has to suffer;

(b) if so, what action has been taken to mitigate this problem; and

(c) the reasons for poor condition of maintenance of this port ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir. The Berths No. 1 & 2, which are shallow draft berths are being used by vessels below five meters draft, like small log vessels. The Berth No. 3 has been put out of commission on account of development of cracks and collapse of a portion of the berth, owing to its old age. continous leaching action of soil, etc. General cargo traffic is being handled at other berths No. 5 and 10.

(b) Expert technical advice has been obtained from CWPRS, Pune and the Dutch Consultants. Marine boreholes have been completed and results referred to them. Construction of a rubble bund to prevent further erosion has been undertaken.

(c) The general cargo berths excepting Berth No. 10 are very old and have limited depths alongside. The port has been maintaining the old berths to keep them operational to meet the traffic demands maid on them.

Computarisation of Tickets for Steamer Service

1604. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that S.C.I. run steamer service between Panaji and Bombay suffer losses mainly due to pilferage of

passengers tickets where no proper control has been maintained; and

(b) whether Government purpose to computerise this ticketing like the Railways and Indian Airlines enabling the passengers to buy return tickets at each end ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Shipping Corporation of India keeps proper control on the sale of tickets to the passengers and the losses on this service are not due to pilferage of passenger tickets.

(b) The service has so far been resumed on an *ad-hoc* basis and, therefore, at present there is no proposal under consideration to computerise the ticketing as it would not be economical.

Aid to Students belonging to November' 84 Riots Victi ms

1605. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration has taken up a scheme to provide fixed financial aid to the students belonging to the November, 1984 riots victim families;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the same scheme would be introduced by the administrations of several other States which had been affected by the said riots; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (c) Delhi Administration has approved a scheme for grant of stipend to the children of those killed in November, 1984 riots @ Rs. 50/- p.m. to the children studying in the recognised schools and @ Rs. 100/- p.m. to those studying in colleges from the academic year 1989-90 subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the scheme.

Additional Schemes for relief and rehabilitation of November' 84 Riot Victims Families

1606. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that, in addition to the schemes started by the previons Government towards relief and rehabilitation of November, '84 riots victim families all over the country, present Government have also taken several measures for the benefit of those families ;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes of the previous Government and the additional measures, if any, taken up by present Government in the matter; and

(c) what is the present state of implementation of the respective schemes and additional measures as on date ?